



Forty-five years of community service
Happy Anniversary to the White-Yellow Cross

Ask any new mother in Aruba, and she will tell you the Wit Gele Kruis (WGK) was absolutely indispensable during those first months of her baby's life. From the day a child is born, the staff of the WGK is there to insure it gets a healthy start on life.

When people are elderly, and incapable of caring for themselves, the workers of the WGK are there to give them that care, and often supply the special equipment they need. The nominal annual membership fee of the WGK does not even pay for a single inoculation, which all Aruban babies receive from the WGK. They are also the first wave to help fight against possibly disabled children, testing their hearing from the sixth day of life, to detect and combat deafness, amongst many other possible birth defects.

The Dutch and Aruban community rely on the Wit-Gele Kruis, and on Friday, November 24, they celebrated their forty-fifth anniversary of existence in Aruba with an informative exposition at the Aruba Resort & Spa. Fourteen booths dedicated to every aspect of care for expectant mothers, children and the elderly, the entire range of WGK service and beyond, were present. Volunteers were happy to inform and provide educational materials to the public, which showed a great interest and there was a steady attendance, which also included groups of school children. The organizations donating their time included Cembrah, Plataforma Profesional di Bario, Commiccion Nacional Lechi di Pecho and Let's Talk, Kleuterbureau, Bon Cria, JeugdTandZorg (JTZ-dental care for children,) JeugdGezondheidsZorg, (JGZ - Children's Health), Fundacion pa nos Muchanan, (Foundation for Children,) FAVI (Foundation for the Visually Impaired) and Fundacion Respetami, (foundation that battles child abuse,) the Autism Foundation, and staff of the WGK. The latter provided information about the history and services of the WGK, and demonstrated how infant wellness care has progressed in the past forty-five years. Additionally present at the expo were booths from various agencies that provide infant and children's care products.

Director of the Wit-Gele Kruis, Gino Goelo, deemed the entire day a "huge success" and expressed gratitude to all the organizations and volunteers that contributed to that success. It was a rousing way to celebrate their anniversary, but befitting of the WGK, as it was still in the service of the community.